

## Letter from Helen Keller to Alexander Graham Bell, April 7, 1905

File Helen Keller Wrentham, April 7, 1905. Dear Mr. Bell,

I know you are wondering how I like the new turn our affairs have taken. I am delighted that Teacher is to be married, and to such a dear, good friend as Mr. Macy too. I have always wanted just this thing to happen to her. But she has often said, "I shall never marry," and laughed to think I should entertain such an idle hope. Like Benedick she did not know what the future held in store for her when she declared that she would die a maiden. But now the long wished-for happiness has come, and I never cease to rejoice with her. I am very fond of John (that is Mr. Macy). He is kind and helpful to every one, and has a personal care of me which I love. Besides, he is cheery and good-natured, and home is most truly home when he returns from town of evenings full of news.

Teacher will be married on May 3rd, and Dr. Edward E. Hale is to perform the ceremony. It will be a quiet wedding. They decided not to send out invitations because there would be so many people to ask, and Teacher has no one to help her out with a large affair, and if she undertook it herself, she would be worn out. So only Mr. Macy's family, my mother and a few of Teacher's dearest friends are to be present. I suppose I shall "give away" the bride. You see, she belongs to me more than to any one else in the world. But I shall not lose her, and I shall also gain a brother, and thus I shall be twice blest in giving and in receiving.

Please give my love to Mrs. Bell and Daisy. We are delighted to know of her new happiness, and our warmest wishes for a life rich in everything good and precious are hers. I should not have filled this letter with ourselves, except that I want you to understand what a beautiful joy has come to me.

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Affectionately your friend, Helen Keller.